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BROADBAND ACCESS SERVER

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Mail Stop: RCE Commissioner for Patents P.O. Box 1450 Alexandria, VA 22313-1450 March 2, 2010

CUSTOMER NO. 24728

Dear Sir:

Submitted herewith is a Preliminary Amendment in response to the Final Office Action mailed December 10, 2009 and the Advisory Action mailed February 24, 2010, concurrently with an RCE request. Prior to calculating the filing fees and examining the present application on its merits, please amend the specification and claims as follows:

Amendments to the Specification begin on page 2 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks/Arguments begin on page 6 of this paper.

A marked up copy and a clear version of a substitute specification of the above-identified application that marks all the changes made in the amendment are attached following the Remarks/Arguments of this paper.